THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The National Curriculum Framework, 2005 formulated by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has suggested certain measures for examination reform which are as follows:

(i) Examinations with a flexible 'time limit' can reduce stress among students.

(ii) More chances to students for qualifying the Board Examination within the window of 2-3 years.

(iii) Transparency in the procedure of conducting the examinations and evaluating the answers scripts.

(iv) No Board or State level examinations for other stages of schooling such as, class V, VIII or XI.

(v) Flexible and implementable scheme of Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation.

NCERT has also developed sample question papers reflecting the shift in the typology of the questions to test students' ability to transform raw data/information into knowledge through the process of analysis, synthesis and problem solving.

However, NCERT has only an advisory role in the matter. It is upto the School Education Boards to adopt the recommendations.

Regulation of private universities

165. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to regulate the fee structures, admission and curricula of private universities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The University Grants Commission (UGC) frame regulations from time to time on admission and fee structure in un-aided private educational institutions.

Kasturba Gandhi Vidyalayas in Uttarakhand

†166. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalays opened in Uttarakhand till now and the number of such schools proposed to be opened this year;

(b) whether the existing standards to open these schools in the hilly areas of the country are proposed to be relaxed; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.